

Aurora City Council Meeting Minutes

Aurora City Hall - City Council Chambers

2 W. Pleasant St. Aurora, Missouri 65605

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 - 6 P.M.

4/11/2023 - Minutes

1. CONVENING OF NEW COUNCIL

A. Call to Order - City Clerk

City Clerk, Kamy Kulow, called the meeting to order to convene the new Council at 6:33 p.m.

B. Oath of Office for newly elected City Officials - City Clerk

City Clerk, Kamy Kulow, asked Jason Lewis to come forward and take the Oath of Office and was sworn in. Next, Theresa Pettit came forward to take the Oath of Office and was sworn in. And, Joshua (Josh) Blades came forward to take the Oath of Office and was sworn in.

C. Election of Mayor - City Clerk

City Clerk, Kamy Kulow opened the floor for nominations for Mayor. Whomever had the chip with #1 on it was to go first. Jason Lewis had the #1 chip and deferred. Chip #2 was Josh Blades and he nominated Jason Lewis to be Mayor. Councilman Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with Roll Call votes documented as follows:

Councilman Lewis - *Abstain*

Councilman Kennedy - *Aye*

Councilwoman Oplinger - *Aye*

Councilwoman Pettit - *Aye*

Councilman Blades - *Aye*

D. Nominations for Chairman Pro Tem will be taken from Council at the Direction of the Mayor

Mayor Lewis asked who had chip #3 and Councilman Kennedy had it. Councilman Kennedy deferred. Councilwoman Oplinger had Chip #4 and made a motion to nominate Councilman Kennedy as Chairman Pro Tem. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion and motion passed with Roll Call votes documented as follows:

Councilman Lewis - *Aye*

Councilman Kennedy - *Abstain*

Councilwoman Oplinger - *Aye*

Councilwoman Pettit - *Aye*

Councilman Blades - *Aye*

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.I. Council Liaison Appointments

2.I.i. Resolution No. 2023-1914 Planning And Zoning Council Liaison Appointment

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to keep Mayor Lewis on as the Council Liaison for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Councilman Lewis - *Abstain*

Councilman Kennedy - *Aye*

Councilwoman Oplinger - *Aye*

Councilwoman Pettit - *Aye*

Councilman Blades - *Aye*

2.I.ii. Resolution No. 2023-1915 Solid Waste Management Dist. Executive Board Council Liaison Appointment

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy made a motion to keep Theresa Pettit on as the Council Liaison for the Solid Waste Management Board. Councilwoman Oplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Councilman Lewis - *Aye*

Councilman Kennedy - *Aye*

Councilwoman Oplinger - *Aye*

Councilwoman Pettit - *Aye*

Councilman Blades - *Aye*

2.I.iii. Resolution No. 2023-1916 Solid Waste Management Dist. Council - Council Liaison Appointment

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy made a motion to keep Theresa Pettit on as the Council Liaison for the Solid Waste Management Board. Councilwoman Oplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Councilman Lewis - *Aye*

Councilman Kennedy - *Aye*

Councilwoman Oplinger - *Aye*

Councilwoman Pettit - *Aye*

Councilman Blades - *Aye*

2.I.iv. Resolution No. 2023-1917 Airport Board Council Liaison Appointment

Mayor Lewis made a motion to appoint Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy as the Council Liaison to the Airport Board. Councilwoman Oplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Councilman Lewis - *Aye*

Councilman Kennedy - *Aye*

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Blades - Aye

2.I.v. Resolution No. 2023-1918 Aurora Hospital Board Council Liaison Appointment

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to keep Councilwoman Oplinger on as the Council Liaison for the Aurora Hospital Board. Mayor Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Councilman Lewis - Aye

Councilman Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Blades - Aye

2.I.vi. Resolution No. 2023-1919 Bright Futures Board Council Liaison Appointment

Mayor Lewis made a motion to appoint Councilman Blades as the Council Liaison to the Bright Futures Board. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Councilman Lewis - Aye

Councilman Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Blades - Aye

2.I.vii. Resolution No. 2023-1922 Aurora Park Board Liaison Appointment

Mayor Lewis made a motion to keep Councilwoman Pettit on as the Council Liaison to the Aurora Park Board. Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Councilman Lewis - Aye

Councilman Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Blades - Aye

2.II. Resolution No. 2023-1913 Disposal Of Surplus Vehicles - Police Department

Police Chief, Wes Coatney addressed Council with the Disposal of Surplus vehicles in the Police Department. Wes indicated that he has two patrol cars that have aged out. A Ford Expedition and a Ford Taurus, which have been stripped down and ready for disposal. Mayor Lewis requested a fleet list of the new and old vehicles the Police Department has.

Mayor Lewis made a motion to Approve Resolution No. 2023-1913 Disposal of Surplus Vehicles - Police Department. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Councilman Lewis - Aye

Councilman Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Blades - Aye

2.III. Resolution No. 2023-1920 CD Department Office Remodel And Expansion Bid

Community Development Director, Carrie Howlett addressed Council with the Community Development Department Office Remodel and Expansion Bids. Based on the two bids that were received, Community Development Director, Carrie Howlett's recommendation is to go with Daniel Neff/Nigel Raper Construction since their bid was very detailed, they also met with Carrie multiple times to make sure they understood what she wanted and they are a local company.

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to Approve Resolution No. 2023-1920 CD Department Office Remodel and Expansion Bid. Councilwoman Oplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Councilman Lewis - Aye

Councilman Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Blades - Aye

2.IV. Special Event Application - Celebration Of Life At Crosby Park

Community Development Director, Carrie Howlett addressed Council with a formal application for Special Event - Celebration of Life for Desiree Todd at Crosby Park. Elizabeth Hostetter made the formal request for the event to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at Crosby Park for around eight (8) hours from 2pm - 10pm. She requested the whole park but since we cannot shut down a whole park, they were happy to rent the main spanish pavillion and another pavillion. Event will have one licensed food truck on site. There will also be amplified music. Met all the requirements and the event falls within City Code. Staff recommendation is approval.

Mayor Lewis made a motion to Approve the Special Event Application - Celebration of Life at Crosby Park. Councilwoman Oplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Councilman Lewis - Aye

Councilman Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Blades - Aye

3. STAFF REPORTS/ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

City Manager report attached.

Economic/Community Development report attached.

Mayor Lewis suggested to add the link on the website/facebook for those that cannot use their camera for the QR code.

City Council discussed that moving forward, the Recreation Center - Decision Making Committee meetings will now be joint meetings with City Council.

4. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Lewis made a motion to move into Closed Session at 6:59 p.m. Councilwoman Oplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed with Roll Call votes documented as follows:

Councilman Lewis - Aye

Councilman Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Blades - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to move out of Closed Session at 7:41 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with Roll Call votes documented as follows:

Councilman Lewis - Aye

Councilman Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Blades - Aye

5. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Councilman Lewis - Aye

Councilman Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Blades - Aye

APPROVED

Jason Lewis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kamy Kulow, City Clerk